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FOLLOWING REPEAT KINGSTON 6995 SENT ACTION SECSTATE NOV 22.

QUOTE S E C R E T KINGSTON 6995

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FOR ACTING SECRETARY HABIB

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PBOR, GT, UK, BH, JM

SUBJECT: BELIZE NEGOTIATIONS

REFERENCE: A. KINGSTON 6984 B. STATE 278703

1. PRIME MINISTER'S PERMANENT SECRETARY, GORDON WELLS,  
TELEPHONED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS AFTERNOON'S (NOVEMBER  
22) MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER MANLEY AND PREMIER  
PRICE TO ADVISE AS FOLLOWS: MANLEY CONVEYED (WITHOUT  
ATTRIBUTION TO BRITISH OR TO US) CONSIDERATIONS CITED  
REFTEL (B) ARGUING FOR PROMPT SETTLEMENT BELIZE QUESTION,  
EVEN SHOULD THIS REQUIRE MINOR TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS

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TO GUATEMALA. HOWEVER, MANLEY ALSO MADE CLEAR IT IS THE  
JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT HOW PRICE AND BELIZE  
HANDLE THIS QUESTION IS VERY MUCH A MATTER FOR BELIZE TO DECIDE.

2. ACCORDING TO WELLS, PRICE SAID THAT IT IS VERY  
DIFFICULT TO CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT TO ANY TERRITORIAL  
CONCESSION (APPARENTLY ASIDE FROM MINOR STRAIGHTENING OUT

OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY) OWING TO HIS OWN STRONG FEELINGS BUT ALSO BECAUSE ANY TERRITORIAL CONCESSION WOULD CAUSE HIM AN UNACCEPTABLE DEGREE OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. MOREOVER, PRICE CLAIMED THAT A BASIC POLITICAL PLANK OF HIS PARTY HAS ALWAYS BEEN "NOT AN INCH OF TERRITORY" CAN BE CEDED TO GUATEMALA.

3. PRICE ALSO RAISED AS ANOTHER CONSIDERATION THAT A TERRITORIAL CONCESSION TO GUATEMALA WOULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS VIS-A-VIS OTHER BOUNDARY DISPUTES ELSEWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA. PRICE ARGUED THAT, LIKE IN AFRICA, ANY TAMPERING WITH BOUNDARIES IN ONE PLACE CAN RESULT IN AN ENDLESS SERIES OF ACTIVE BOUNDARY PROBLEMS ELSEWHERE.

4. NONE THE LESS, WELLS SAID, PRICE VERY MUCH APPRECIATES THE NEED TO MOVE AS QUICKLY TOWARD A SETTLEMENT AS POSSIBLE. WELLS DID NOT, HOWEVER, CONVEY ANY THOUGHTS OR HOPES VIS-A-VIS SPECIFIC COMPROMISE POSSIBILITIES.

5. WELLS SAYS THAT PRICE PROBABLY WILL RETURN TO BELIZE TOMORROW.

6. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS AS APPROPRIATE TO OTHER INTERESTED ADDRESSEES.  
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